GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Employment of Women belonging to Minority Communities
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any action plan for the employment of women belonging to minority communities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any recommendations from the National Commission for Women in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a)& (b):Apart from other schemes which are available to all, Ministry of Minority Affairs implements three specific schemes for women as below:-

(1) "Nai - Roshni" for Leadership Development of Minority Women specially for development of women belonging to notified minority communities namely Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains withan aim to empower and instill confidence in women by providing knowledge, tool and techniques for interacting with Government system and others at all levels. The scheme is implemented through selected Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) all over the country.

(2) Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship for Meritorious Girls belonging to minorities implemented through Maulana Azad Education Foundation.

(3) "Mahila Samridhi Yojana" is implemented through National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC) wherein skill development training is imparted to group of women in women friendly trades. Training period is of maximum six months and raw material cost of upto Rs.1,500/- per trainee and stipend @ Rs.1000/- per trainee is provided. During the period of training, the women formed into Self Help Group, followed by infusion of micro-credit maximum upto Rs.1.00 lacs per member for the purpose of using the skill developed during the training, for income generation activities.

(c): The Government has not received any recommendations from the National Commission for Women in this regard.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.
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